

Rocky Hollow-Falls Canyon Nature Preserve

County: Parke

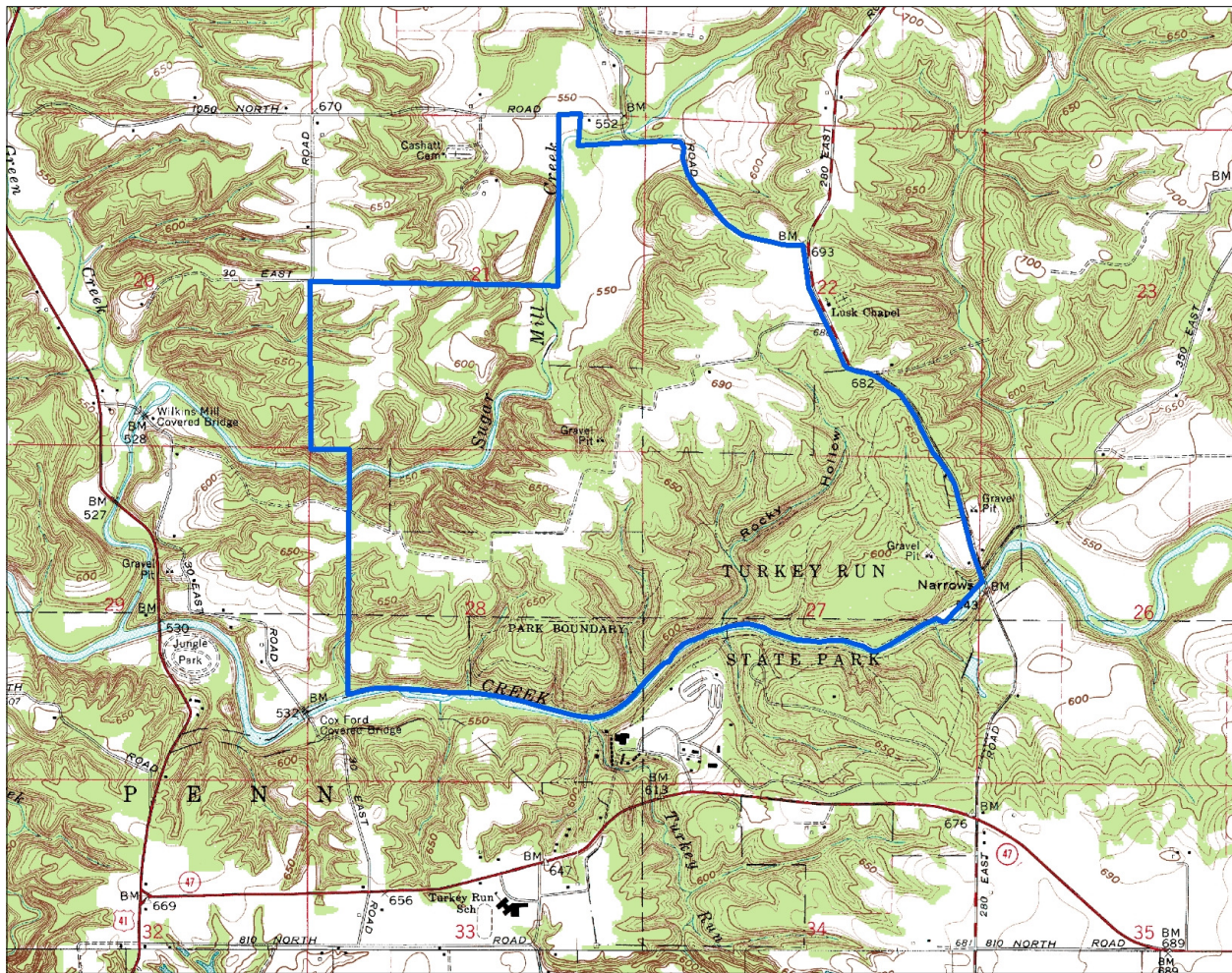
Size: 1609 acres

Ownership: State Parks - IDNR



Location and Access

Parking and Trails. This preserve lies on the north side of Sugar Creek in Turkey Run State Park. There is a **fee** to enter Turkey Run State Park. The preserve is marked on maps available at the entrance gate or park office.



Description: This part of Turkey Run contains narrow canyons flanked by high walls of Mansfield sandstone to which ferns, hydrangeas, and native hemlock trees cling and shade out all but the noonday sun. Miniature waterfalls spill over the rocks at the head of these gorges.

The forested upland is covered by old-growth mesophytic forest, an intermediate type between beech-maple of moister conditions and oak-hickory of drier areas. The terraces along Sugar Creek are covered with old-growth floodplain forest. Old fields in various stages of succession are found on the flattest portions of the uplands. A portion of this preserve has also been designated as a National Natural Landmark.

Further Information:

Turkey Run State Park. PO Box 37. Marshall, IN 47859. 317-597-2635. www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/

Division of Nature Preserves. 402 W. Washington St., Rm W267. Indianapolis, IN 46204. 317-232-4052. www.in.gov/dnr/naturepreserve/

